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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study
enforcement of narcotic laws.

WHEREAS, countless lives are adversely affected each day by the use of illegal drugs
and narcotics; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's criminal justice system is struggling to effectively deal with
drug offenders; and

WHEREAS, legislation on criminal sentences, law enforcement and crime prevention will
be considered by the 100th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, illegal drug use is linked to more than seventy-five percent (75%) of violent
crime, according to current statistics; and

WHEREAS, these issues are of vital concern to the citizens of Tennessee, the general
assembly, judicial officials and law enforcement officials and should be carefully and extensively
studied by the members of the general assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues relating
to narcotics and drug law enforcement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of three (3) members of
the house of representatives and three (3) members of the senate, to be appointed by the

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respective speakers, one (1) member to be designated by the governor, one (1) member to be designated by the chief justice of the supreme court, and one (1) member to be designated by the executive director of the Tennessee District Attorney's General Conference. At least two (2) of the members from each house of the general assembly shall be members of the judiciary committee of their respective body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly and at its first meeting, shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such officers as they deem necessary from among the legislative members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the non-legislative members of the special joint, committee shall serve without compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall report its findings and recommendations by April 1, 1998, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.